

# Gate Asphyxiates Worker



A 1,200-pound (543.6 kilogram) gate fell on a worker, trapping him between his pickup truck and the gate and asphyxiating him.

He was a maintenance worker, leaving work for the day. The 40- foot (12.91-meter) by six-foot (1.83-meter) gate was secured in the open position by a long chain. Several people at the worksite had informed the victim about the inoperable condition of the gate and that it was chained open for maintenance – to replace rollers and other hardware. Despite their warnings, the victim removed the chain and tried to close the gate manually. It fell and trapped him.

*Your attitude can kill you. In this case, the victim may have felt complacent when he disregarded the hazard warnings. No one will ever know.*